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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO LEONE ON ROME AIRPORT MASSACRE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LEONE: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED AT THE ROME AIRPORT ON DECEMBER 17. I HOPE THAT ITALY, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY WILL DRAW FROM THIS BRUAL ACT RENEWED DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE IN COMBATTING TERRORISM WHEREVER IT MAY OCCUR. AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, LET US ALSO REDEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE, AND THEREBY BRING TO AN END THIS VIOLENCE WHICH CLAIMS THE INNOCENT AS ITS VICTIMS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

2. LEONE'S MESSAGE, DELIVERED UNDER COVER OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR ORTONA AND DATED DECEMBER 18, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY

SHOCKED AND MOVED BY THE DESPICABLE AND COWARDLY ATTACK
THAT CAUSED THE DEATH OF MANY AMERICANS ON ITALIAN SOIL.
IN THIS MOURNFUL OCCASION, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS
TO YOU MY SINCEREST SORROW ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE ITALIAN
PEOPLE. GIOVANNI LEONE. END QUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE, BUT HAS NO OBJEC-
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